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1. Anti-American feeling is increasing in the Peiping area proportionately to the increase in the unpopularity of continued American support of CHIANG Kai-shek. For a long time, American aid to CHIANG has been considered by a majority of Chinese in North China as an attempt to pump life into an institution which should have died a natural death.
2. It is generally felt in Peiping among all classes of Chinese that the currency reform was CHIANG's last chance. The government itself has admitted this to be a failure, and CHIANG himself has publicly asked to be excused by all those Chinese who turned in their foreign currencies, gold, and silver at the four to one ratio, thus pauperizing themselves.
3. Intelligent Chinese in Peiping, business men, and the professional class regard CHIANG Kai-shek as a criminal who prevents the better elements in the Kuomintang from effective action and who, through his inability to face reality, sinks the country deeper into despair.
4. In the Chinese view of history (an ancient heritage not the property of the educated class alone), which pictures heaven above and man below, with the emperor or head of state as mediator between, CHIANG is considered to have lost the favor of heaven. And in accordance with the cyclical view of Chinese history that explains the rise and fall of dynasties, it is obvious to many Chinese that CHIANG is incurring further displeasure of heaven by remaining in office. At the same time, this interpretation of CHIANG's position gives the Communists the appearance of being deliverers.
5. Further resentment against CHIANG Kai-shek arises from the government bombings of cities which the ground forces lose to the Communists, often through desertion. The recent order for the arrest of General WEI Li-huang is held against CHIANG as being completely unfair to WEI, who was thrown into an impossible situation by CHIANG and then was not supported. The recent suicide of CHEN Pu-lai, the man responsible for many of CHIANG's speeches and publications, is another of the many marks people hold against CHIANG.

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